(b) Government of India has released two instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund amounting to Rs. 14.81 crores during 1995-96 to the State Government.

Furnishings at Residences and Offices of Ministers

757. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the furniture and other items provided at Government expense, at the offices and residences of the Ministers, are returned to CPWD on their relinquishing offices as Ministers;

(b) if so, the details of the prescribed rules and procedures in this regard; and

(c) how far these rules have been followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFARIS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The furniture and other items for offices are supplied by the respective Ministeries. For residences, furniture and electrical appliances are supplied by the CPWD, which are generally returned by the Ministers within one month of their relinquishing the office.

(b) and (c) The supply of furniture and electrical appliances to a Minister and recovery of rent therefore is governed by the provisions of Ministers Residence Rules, 1962.

Solution to Indo-Bangladesh River Water sharing dispute

758. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to revive the Water Panel by calling a meeting of the Joint Rivers Commission, formed by India and Bangladesh which did not meet in the past Five years to resolve the issue of sharing water of common rivers; and

(b) if so, when the decision is likely to be implemented by the two Governments, to arrive at a permanent solutions to the problem of water sharing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) and (b) the Union Government has decided to revive the talks with the Government of Bangladesh on water sharing by calling for a meeting of the Joint Rivers commission in Delhi very soon. Discussions for solution to the problem of water sharing and other related isues are scheduled to be held during this meeting.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

The Deputy Chairman in the chair

Notifications of Ministry of Agriculture (Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation) together with Corrigendum.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): Madam, I lay on the Table—

A copy each (in English and Hindi) of

the following Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation), under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:—

(1) S.O. No. 459(E), dated the 22nd May, 1995, publishing the Fertiliser (Control) (Second Amendment) Order, 1995.

(2) S.O. No. 503(E), dated the 5th June, 1995, amending the Notification S.O. No. 977(E), dated the 9th November, 1987.

(3) S.O. No. 572(E), dated the 26th June, 1995, appointing Officers of State Government to exercise functions of Controller of Fertilisers.

and a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) Notification S.O. No. 502 (E), dated the 5th June, 1995, publishing the corrigendum to the Notification S.O. No. 326(E), dated the 6th April, 1995. [Placed in the Library. *See* LT No. 7926/95]

Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli and related papers

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATIONS AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli, (Tamil Nadu) for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above College.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in the Library. *See* LT No. 7989/95]

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

(I) Motion Regarding Election to Joint Committee on Offices of Profit.

(II) The Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I beg to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

(I) "That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do elect one member of Rajya Sabha, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Shri S.K.T. Ramachandran from Rajya Sabha and do communicate to this House the name of the member so elected by Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee."

(II) "In accordance with the provisions of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 3rd August, 1995, agreed without any amendment to the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 1995, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 31st May, 1995."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU (Bihar): Madam, I beg to present the Twentieth Report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Home Affairs on the working of the Union Public Service Commission (U.P.S.C.).